

പൊന്നം വിലകൊടുത്ത സ്ഥലം എടുക്കാൻ നടപടിനടന്നു വരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഭൂമി എടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഉടനെ ആറോഡിനെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലേക്കു എടുക്കുന്നതാണ്.

ഗതാഗതസൗകര്യങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ മറുസംഗതികളെ റോഡുമ്പോൾഡിലേക്കു അയക്കാം.

[There are many bridges at Alleppey requiring repairs. As many of these as possible are being attended to as promptly as possible. Even now work is going on in respect of three bridges. It is not therefore correct to say that the bridges in disrepair are not attended to.]

In regard to the removal of nightsoil depot from its present location, the Municipal Council is on the look-out for a suitable site and has promised to send up a report to the Government after selecting the site. On receipt of the report, the removal will be ordered without delay.

The points relating to the opening of a road leading to the cremation ground in the Aryad *pakuthi* and to the Alleppey-Changanacherry road will be referred to the Chief Engineer for report.

The question of opening cross-roads connecting the Alleppey-Sher-tallai road with the roads on the western and eastern sides of it will be referred to the Road Board.

In regard to the location of the H. G. V. School at Kalavur, a report will be called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

The suggestions for the removal of hardships experienced by the people of Kalavur and other places in conducting criminal cases will be considered.

The Government have decided to take over the Tumboli road and proceedings for its formal acquisition on payment of nominal compensation are in progress. As soon as they are completed, the road will be taken over by the Government.

The other points relating to means of communication will be referred to the Road Board.]

111. Needs of Kuttanad.

MR. VARKEY CHANDA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha taluk, Group I*) spoke on the following needs of Kuttanad :—

The first and foremost need of the people of Kuttanad was the completion and opening of the Alleppey—Changanacherry canal. More than three-fourths of the work had been finished by the end of 1103. As the canal remained unfinished for a length of about half a mile, the people of the taluks of Changanacherry and Ambalapuzha had to undergo immense hardships.

A Munsiff's court should be opened at Pulinkunnu. The Additional Munsiff's Court at Alleppey might be conveniently transferred to that place.

A road should be opened in order to join Alleppey with Changanacherry, preferably along the bank of the Alleppey—Changanacherry canal.

The commutation rate of paddy for payment of Kandukrishi rent was very high and should be lowered.

Boats under two tons in weight should be exempted from license fee. Permanent passes should be issued for such boats.

The village road between Tiruvalla and Edatuva should be completed and made fit for traffic.

A money grant should be given to complete the Pulinkunnu hospital building.

The new Kottayam—Ambalapuzha canal should be completed. This would join the Champakulam and Pulinkunnu rivers.

The old Kottayam—Ambalapuzha canal running through the Kootacherri Chalayil *todu* and the Elappallil *todu* should be connected with the Elamprakottu Mallampurakkal *todu*.

A veterinary hospital should be opened at Kayalam, the centre of the famous Vembanad lake cultivation. In the hot months of the year, when pasturage was scarce, innumerable herds of cattle were taken to those regions for grazing.

The Excise officers stationed in the Pulinkunnu *pakuthi* were very corrupt. In an area of half a square mile, where only one toddy shop was allowed to be opened, there were as many as six unlicensed shops where toddy was sold openly to consumers. Government should take the necessary steps to stop the illicit traffic and punish the officers responsible.

DEWAN'S REPLY:—Mr. Chanda Pillai, I shall deal the Alleppey—Changanacherry canal last.

Your second representation is about the location of the Additional Munsiff's Court at Alleppey. That will be considered by the Law's Delays Officer.

Your fourth point was the exemption of boats under two tons from license fee. There is some question like that already now under consideration.

MEMBER: Will orders be passed before next year's Assembly meets?

DEWAN: I cannot fix a definite time limit. All I can say is that I expect to deal with it soon.

Your fifth point is about the Tiruvalla-Edatuva road. In regard to that road, some lands in some of the sections remain to be acquired. The proceedings are in progress in regard to them. As soon as the lands are acquired, the road will be completed.

As regards the commutation of paddy payment into money, the rate was fixed at the time of the commutation for a period of six years. That period expires with 1108. Of course one can see why you are raising that point this year. This year the price of paddy is

low. As the rate was fixed on an average, I cannot take up the reconsideration of it, before the period for which the rate is fixed is over. I am not giving it as a final answer, but still I cannot undertake to do it now.

Then you wanted the award of a money grant to the Pulinkunnu dispensary building.

MEMBER: I am not speaking about the dispensary building; I am referring to the hospital. Perhaps the translator might have mistaken.

DEWAN: It is a dispensary. I have not heard anything about the hospital. With regard to the hospital, I shall call for a report.

As regards the completion of the Kottayam-Ambalapuzha canal and connecting it with the Elamprakottu-Mallampurakkal *todu*, these works require investigation by the P. W. D. and I shall refer them to the Chief Engineer for investigation.

Your request for the establishment of a veterinary hospital at Kavalam will be referred to the Director of Agriculture and will be taken up in its turn. There are several places where such hospitals are asked for. A report on these will be called for from the Director of Agriculture, and the work will be taken up in the order of urgency.

As regards the question of the sale of toddy without license at Pulinkunnu, will you give me a list of the places?

MEMBER: I had mentioned the names of places in my memorandum.

DEWAN: Then I shall immediately order an investigation with regard to that. You must cut down the number of shops in order to reduce drink. That is the idea with which the number of shops is cut down. If information is given to the Government, they will immediately take action and punish people for conducting illicit shops.

In regard to the completion of the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal, you said that work has to be done for half a mile.

MEMBER: There are two opinions. One opinion is that the canal should be cut straight through to Changanacherry. The Chief Engineer, on the other hand, wants to cut it only up to Kavalam Attumukham. The cutting will then only be for half a mile. If not, Government will have to cut more. There are three sections. The major portion of these three sections has been finished. There is one more section. As soon as that work is also finished, Government must immediately open this line in a way suiting the public convenience.

DEWAN: As regards the two sections near Alleppey, my information is that they are almost complete and all that remains to be done is to acquire some little land and cut through. I have called for an urgent estimate for the acquisition of those lands. Now you say that the third section is also more or less complete; I shall call for a report upon that and deal with that later.

MEMBER: I request that these two portions may be done immediately.

DEWAN: Mr. Chanda Pillai, I can understand the impatience of persons who are interested. But when I have said that I shall call for an urgent report, you need not go on to tell me that it must be done within such and such a time.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.
